



MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 30, 1907.

ATTEMPTS by the Standard Oil Company to show that its \$29,240,000 fine for accepting rebates is unmerited, have brought forth a stinging rebuke from the government. Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, has sent to Secretary Straus, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, a reply to a pamphlet issued by James A. Moffatt, of the oil trust. In his pamphlet Mr. Moffatt designed to throw doubt upon the merits of the conviction of Judge K. M. Landis, of the Chicago Federal Court, Mr. Smith's reply not only punctures the trust's plea, but arraigns the Standard as "attempting to violate with impunity the whole spirit of the anti-discriminatory law." It is declared that Mr. Moffatt's argument put forth to check the tide of public opinion against the trust, is merely an evasion. The secret rates and false billing of freight between Chicago and East St. Louis are held up to the light. The commissioner closes with the statement that by means of its secret rate from the Alton road the Standard was enabled to undersell and drive out of business its competitors in the southwest. Then it raised prices so that one subsidiary company was able to make 690 per cent. profit in 1904. For fifteen years this rebate evil continued, and the trust made many millions. This, says Commissioner Smith, "emphatically justified the imposition of a great fine."

SIMILAR news items as the following are now appearing in the papers too frequently and go to show that industrial conditions are not improving as it was hoped they were:

Owing to lack of new orders the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia, has decided to shorten the working hours of its 20,000 employees. While none will be discharged, it is expected that by February the men will all be working only half time.

Orders on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for retrenchment were carried out in Cumberland. Nearly all the shop and yard forces were laid off Saturday night and yesterday. At least 500 men were affected.

The delay of railroad companies in placing orders for equipment, incidental to the general policy of retrenchment, is said to be reacting on steel industries.

No women outside of the immediate family of the defendant, it is said, will be permitted to hear the proceedings in the new Thaw trial which begins January 6. Justice Victor J. Dowling today issued an order to that effect and informed the court officers that there were to be no exceptions. Only active working newspaper women will be able to pass the barrier, and there is a possibility that even they and the feminine members of the Thaw party may finally be excluded while certain testimony is being given. A private entrance has been made for the prisoner so that he will not have to force a way through the crowd.

As heretofore published a man died of heart disease the other day upon drawing four aces in a poker hand. This affords a new suggestion to statisticians who are trying to explain the unusual increase in deaths due to cardiac ailments. The New York Tribune suspects that this rising mortality rate must be traced back to "four-flushing," not to four aces, for it says that the strain of keeping up the bluff of amazing prosperity is more fatal than prosperity itself.

A DISPATCH from Dublin says the distress in the poorer parts of Ireland has been made keener by the financial stress in the United States. It has been customary for the Irish in America to forward monetary help to those at home. But this year the letters from America, instead of money drafts, contain lamentations as to the state of things commercial and regrets that the usual help is impossible.

THERE seems to be sound sense behind the suggestion that Congress authorize the representatives of the Treasury to receive certified checks in payment of dues instead of insisting on cash payments. The government would be only accommodating itself thereby to current and modern methods of business.

BECAUSE of the industrial depression General Elliott reports to Secretary Metcalf that the marine corps is now up to its full complement of 8,700 enlisted men and that more men are applying for enlistment than he has place for. The times must be hard indeed when so many men wish to join the marines.

#### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.

Old-time practitioners before the Supreme Court of the United States are convinced that the justices of that court are in a deadlock over the decision as to the constitutionality of the "employer's liability act," passed in June, 1906. Nearly nine months ago, this high tribunal heard arguments on this act, designed by the President to abolish the fellow-servant rule, which releases employers from liability when a fellow-

servant contributes to the injury of another employee. In all the time that has followed, the court has not been able to announce its decision. Many believe that Justice Moody, because of his being attorney general when the United States intervened, has declined to take part in the decision, and that the other justices are divided four and four on the constitutionality of the law. As the lower courts have declared the law unconstitutional, a four-to-four division would mean the confirmation of the judgment of the lower court. It is generally understood that Justice Moody considered the law constitutional. It is said to have been years since such an important law has been so long under consideration by this august court.

Viscount Sinozaki, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, with his family bade his farewell to Washington today and will begin his long journey to the Orient. The Ambassador leaves ostensibly merely to make a report to his government, but American Ambassador O'Brien, at Tokyo, has informed the State Department that it is not likely that Aoki will return. Who will succeed him has not yet been announced.

Herman A. Tull, 21 years old, a clerk in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose home is at Seaford, Del., shot himself in the stomach this morning at his boarding place, 911 7th street northeast. He was taken to the General Hospital in a critical condition.

A distant earthquake of considerable intensity was recorded by the seismographs at the weather bureau today, beginning at 12:33 a. m. and lasting for more than an hour. The first preliminary tremors continued for four minutes and fifty-five seconds and the strongest motion occurred at 12:45 a. m., at which time actual movement of the ground at Washington was about five millimeters.

The pious case of the government against C. M. Smith, et al., of Cape Girardeau, Mo., made particularly notable by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals' recent denunciation of the practices of Smith and his business associates will be fought out now before the U. S. Supreme Court shortly. A motion for a writ of certiorari will be filed within a few days. The solicitor general today advised that the mandate of the court, inflicting a fine and imprisonment of the defendants, be not handed down until the Supreme Court can pass upon the motion. The opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit, received at the department of justice, in summing up the case, said, among other things: "That such flagrant violations of the law, such shameless inhumanity and brutality, such base dishonor to American citizenship could be deliberately practiced in a civilized and Christian community by intelligent men, is a reproach to our civilization and challenge instant and vigorous protest. Any other verdict would have been a travesty on justice." The administration is largely depending upon this case to break up poonage.

**The New Jersey Murder Mystery.** Harrison, N. J., Dec. 30.—Realizing that the mystery surrounding the finding of the nude body of a woman in the swamp near here Thursday conceals one of the most dastardly of murders the Newark and Harrison police aided by Hudson county officials are bending every effort at least to identify the victim and locate the murderer. But the delay in holding the autopsy has given the slayer time to cover his tracks and the task of fixing the responsibility for the crime will be extremely hard.

The most significant development, the police now think, is the revelation of the autopsy that the dead woman was not of the ordinary walks of life; that she was not dissolute or given much to drink, and that her murderer struck her down from behind with a sand bag or similar instrument, fracturing her skull, then throwing her face down into the pool of water to drown. Vengeful hate is indicated by the force of the blow rather than brute passion, and it seems evident she was killed because she interfered with the plans of some man.

#### Trouble Anticipated.

New York, Dec. 30.—There is every prospect of serious trouble at the open air mass meeting of rent strikers scheduled for tonight. The socialists, who are engineering the campaign, say the strikers will not only meet in defiance of the police, but that they are legally entitled to assemble peacefully and to resist if interfered with. The gathering is to be held in Rutgers Square. Police Captain Schlitzman, in whose precinct it is to take place, declares his men will not hesitate to use force to break it up. The strikers have so increased in number that it is difficult to estimate how many are enlisted in the campaign. It is certain that far more than 70,000 will refuse to pay the present rentals after January 1, and that they will resist eviction by every means in their power.

#### Death of Human Pincushion.

New York, Dec. 30.—New York has lost its human pincushion, Mrs. Dolly Dressler who acquired that reputation by living a year after swallowing a gross of needles, died today at Fordham Hospital. In the twelve months she had been almost continuously under a surgeon's care. In that time she submitted to twenty-six operations in which 134 of the needles were removed. An autopsy will be held to determine how needles eventually caused her death.

#### EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

"Kansas for Christ" is to be the slogan in an evangelistic campaign that is to be pushed simultaneously in every county of Kansas next year. Hundreds of preachers of various denominations together with numerous evangelists, are to hold revivals. An entire year will be spent in the movement, and an effort is to be made to demonstrate to the whole country that work may be accomplished in concerted religious work carried forward on strictly business lines. The great revival is to be under the direct leadership of Rev. William Edward Biederwolf, who planned it.

The undertaking will be subject to the general supervision of a board of two preachers and two laymen from each denomination. This body, which has already been organized, with 15 denominational representatives, has selected Edward E. Taylor, of Philadelphia, as secretary.

The condition of U. S. Court Clerk George E. Bowden who is ill at his home in Norfolk continues serious.

#### News of the Day.

The Shah on Saturday took oath before parliament to support the Persian constitution.

Springfield savings bank will increase the rate of interest to depositors from 2 1/2 to 4 per cent, beginning January 1.

Viscount Sinozaki, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, will leave Washington today on his way to Japan. The Canadian cotton mills will not curtail their output during the winter, as the New England mills have decided to do.

Lord Curzon has decided to accept the nomination as a representative Irish peer to succeed Lord Kilmuir in the House of Lords.

Fire yesterday destroyed the American Express office, the Masonic building and other property in Lexington, Miss., causing an aggregate loss of \$75,000.

George Pettibone's trial was not resumed at Boise today. He is critically ill and his doctors say, may not even recover sufficiently to permit of finishing the case.

Thomas Fitzgerald, general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, resigned his position, on Saturday, but subsequently, at the request of President Murray, he withdrew it.

The battleship left sailed from Port of Spain for Rio Janeiro yesterday on the second longest stage of the voyage to San Francisco. Arrival at Rio is scheduled for January 11.

Early today an earthquake of large proportions was recorded at the State museum station at Albany, N. Y. The earthquake appears to have occurred about 4,500 miles from Albany.

After being imprisoned for three days in Ellsworth Number 1 mine at Ellsworth, W. Va., John Omlilam, a young Slav miner was released from his underground dungeon a raving maniac and taken to the county home at Arden.

During the progress of a fire at the residence of P. M. Becker, secretary of the Frazee Laundry, 1066 11th street, Washington, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, Mrs. Becker was burned to death, and her daughter, Edna, was severely burned. She was conveyed to the Emergency Hospital for treatment. The firemen were unable to discover the cause of the blaze. Mr. Becker learned of his bereavement when he read the account in a paper while on a morning train from Baltimore to Washington.

The condition of Rev. Denis J. Stafford, the pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Washington, arouses the gravest apprehension. After a consultation of his physicians, at which Dr. Barker, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, was present he was informed Saturday that a serious operation was imperative. He gave his consent and yesterday afternoon he was removed to the Providence Hospital. The operation will be performed to-morrow morning by Dr. Vaughn. Mr. Stafford is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver, complicated by a severe attack of grip.

#### PROHIBITION IN GEORGIA.

With the advent of the New Year the law preventing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, passed at the last session of the Georgia legislature, becomes effective, making Georgia the first of the southern States to be placed in the prohibition column. The law is very drastic in its prohibition and prevents the keeping or giving away of liquor in public places, and imposes a tax of \$500 on clubs whose members are allowed to keep drinks of an intoxicating nature in their individual lockers.

No withholding the passage of this law there is some agitation to have it declared unconstitutional, and it is known that a prominent firm of lawyers has been asked to test the merits of the legislation. This action may be brought in the United States Court in the course of the next month and, it is asserted, will be based on the fact that the constitution of Georgia specifically provides that all revenue from liquor licenses shall be used for the school fund.

Several million dollars are involved in a property loss in the State by the operation of the prohibition law. It is estimated that Atlanta alone would lose license taxes \$135,612, and that the property values of saloons and breweries which will go out of business on January 1 is from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. For the rest of the State the property values involved are about \$500,000,000. It is estimated that 10,000 persons are affected in this way of employment in the State, and that Atlanta alone has some 1,500 persons who will lose their work when January 1 rings its bell on the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The prohibitionists had planned a monster jubilee and demonstration in Atlanta on the night of December 31, when services are to be held in many places to watch out the old year and the coming of the new.

Prohibition will become effective January 1. Mayor Joyce, however, put a stop to all of their plans by issuing an order that any attempt at a parade, or a demonstration of any kind, would be followed by a dispersal of the crowd by the hands of the police, and the arrest of the promoters if they failed to desist when ordered to do so.

#### WOMAN WAS KILLED.

The woman whose body was found in Lamp Black Swamp, back of Harrison, N. J., the day after Christmas, who is supposed to be Agnes O'Keefe, was murdered. She was knocked senseless by a blow on the head, dragged face downward into the water and then pitched into the black water and filthy rushes of Five Corners Pond while she was alive and breathing. There is the barest of clues to the man who killed her, merely the description given by a night watchman, and a saloon-keeper of a short, stocky, swarthy complexioned man with a big black mustache, a man who walked late Christmas night with a woman in red toward Lampblack Swamp, and who returned alone, carrying a bundle under his right arm. After five days the chances that he will be caught are slight.

#### A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mount Rushmore National Monument, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Heron seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, all ailments, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

#### Virginia News.

Dr. J. H. Ball, of King George County, died Thursday, aged seventy-six years.

According to the report of Second Auditor Dew, which has just been prepared for the printer, the total State debt is \$25,259,965.16.

Major John Fifield George, a well-known figure in Richmond's business and social life for many years, died on Saturday after a short illness.

Eugene D. Fry, and Miss Daisy V. Shroy, daughter of John W. Shroy, both of Luckett, near Leesburg, were married Friday at the bride's home.

Rufus Cornell, of Loudoun County, and Miss Mary Leonard, daughter of J. H. Leonard, formerly of Prince William County, were married at Leesburg Saturday.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Morris preached his farewell sermon as rector of Christ Church, Norfolk, yesterday, having accepted the rectorate of Monumental Church in Richmond.

William L. Payne, of Rappahannock County, and Miss Sarah Cornwell, daughter of Thomas F. Cornwell, of Hillsboro, Loudoun County, were married at Round Hill Friday.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington Saturday to Tasker M. Cook, and Agnes E. Hall, both of Gainesville, and to William E. Rock, of Lyells, and Edna R. Grubbs, of King George.

The Governor and Mrs. Swanson will give a public reception at the Executive Mansion on the evening of New Year's Day, between the hours of 9 and 10:30 o'clock. No invitations will be issued, however.

Fire last night completely destroyed the wood and coal establishment of A. Blacker, at Seventeenth and Cary streets, Richmond, and gave the department a thrilling battle to prevent a serious conflagration in the wholesale business district. The loss proper was hardly more than \$10,000.

Robert C. Brent, the 10-year-old son of Rev. C. Brent, who was accidentally shot by his playmate, Edwin McNamee, Christmas Day, died at Danville Saturday night. He requested that his boy friend who did the shooting be one of his pallbearers. He also made a division of his toys and playthings, in which he remembered young McNamee.

At the request of Lieut. Frank Rorschach, U. S. N., the coroner's inquest into the murder of his wife, Mrs. Mary Lawless Rorschach, by an intruder in her home in Portsmouth early last September, was again postponed Saturday on account of the absence of a material witness. An important arrest is expected to follow the hearing. The person under suspicion has been located, it is said, and will be kept under surveillance. The inquest was continued until next Saturday.

#### TWO-CENT RATE APPEAL.

Decrees granting an appeal from the final decree in the Virginia passenger rate litigation were received in Richmond on Saturday from United States Circuit Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. The action carries the case to the United States Supreme Court. The cases in question are those of the Southern Railway, the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, the Norfolk and Western Railway, the Louisville and Nashville Railway and the Chesapeake and Western Railway.

A compromise effected between the attorneys for the Corporation Commission and the several railroads interested puts the two-cent rate into effect until the cases have been finally settled in the court of last resort. The railroads had previously furnished bond to pay over to the court all moneys received by them in excess of the two-cent rate, as fixed by the commission, in the event the case was finally decided against them. In final decree Judge Pritchard holds that the order of the State Corporation Commission, giving notice of a two-cent flat passenger rate, was in violation of the Constitution of the United States. His interlocutory injunction is to be made perpetual, and the commission is perpetually prohibited from publishing its order in respect to these rates. The demurrer filed by the commission is overruled.

#### DEATH OF MRS. SEMPLE.

Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, niece of President John Tyler and mistress of the White House during his incumbency of the executive office, died at the Louise Home in Washington on Saturday afternoon, aged 87 years. Death was due to general debility. Mrs. Semple had been ailing for some time, but it was not expected the hour of her demise was so close at hand.

The funeral services took place at the home this morning, Bishop Satterlee officiating. Later the remains were taken to Williamsburg for interment. With the passing of Mrs. Semple one of the most interesting of the gentlewomen who live at the Louise Home goes to the eternal abiding place.

For many years she had lived at the home and during that period had been the recipient of much loving attention from older Washingtonians, as well as from those of the younger generation. Thus this gentlewoman of the old south passed her last days near to the Executive Mansion where for a time she presided. She had always taken a great interest in the affairs of the nation, and President Roosevelt, it is stated, upon more than one occasion had special invitations sent her to public functions at the White House. These invitations, it is stated, she invariably declined.

#### MISS TYLER ATTACKED.

Miss Letitia Tyler, sixty-years of age, granddaughter of President John Tyler, was attacked Saturday night in front of her home, 1837 L street northwest, Washington, by a man, who stole her pocketbook. The purse contained \$6, street car tickets, and a penknife. Miss Tyler was rendered senseless by a blow on the head behind the right ear. She was returning home from the Louise Home, where her aunt, Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, had died about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. She had ascended about three steps of her home, when a man jumped from behind a tree box and struck her. She fell, striking her head on the bottom step. A woman standing in an upper window saw Miss Tyler fall and rushed down stairs screaming. Several bystanders ran out and assisted Miss Tyler to her feet. She was unable to tell them what had happened.

The police discredit the report that Miss Tyler was waylaid and believe she fainted on the street.

#### Today's Telegraphic News.

##### Druce's Remains Found.

London, Dec. 30.—Thomas Charles Druce's coffin contains human remains. It was opened in Highgate cemetery today and inside was found the body of an aged, bearded man. The features were unrecognizable, but there is no doubt that the corpse was that of Druce himself.

Though George Hollamby Druce, claimant to the title and estates of the dukedom of Portland, says his case is unshaken by the discovery, it is generally considered that the investigation wrecked his hopes.

The perjury charge against Herbert Druce, the elder Druce's son by a second marriage, who says he saw his father in his coffin in 1864 fifteen years before the fifth duke of Portland died, of course falls to the ground.

The story by Robert Caldwell, the New Yorker, who swore he engineered a bogus funeral for Druce and buried 200 pounds of lead in his coffin, is proven absolutely untrue. Herbert Druce says he will push the case against the latter, who is under arrest in New York, charged by the English authorities with perjury. Similar accusations will probably be preferred against other witnesses who testified in George H. Druce's civil suit and against Herbert Druce in the perjury case against the latter.

It was to lay a foundation for such prosecutions that Herbert Druce, much against his will, finally permitted his father's grave to be opened.

The general opinion is that proof of the deaths of Portland and Druce fifteen years apart and the consequent certainty that Druce was not the duke masquerading as a small London tradesman will be shortly followed by the throwing of the claimant's case out of court.

New York, Dec. 30.—Robert C. Caldwell, whose story that he buried 200 pounds of lead in Druce's coffin, led to the opening of the grave, was reported too ill today even to be told of the result of the investigation much less to make any statement.

##### Brutal Murder.

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Indications point to a most brutal murder of Edward Hutchinson, a Baltimore and Ohio operator at Welcome, W. Va., a hamlet 30 miles south of Wheeling on the Ohio river early today. Persons living nearby noticed the station on fire, but it was too late to save it. Searching later in the ruins they found the charred body of the operator with evidences about his arms and legs that indicated he had been bound and gagged. No trace has been found of the money or tickets kept in the station. Blood hounds have been secured from the State penitentiary in the hope of picking up the trail.

##### O'Brien vs. Redmond.

London, Dec. 30.—War between Wm. O'Brien and John Redmond is rapidly developing a crisis in Irish political affairs. To O'Brien's demand for an immediate national conference, Redmond has returned a point-blank refusal, declaring he will summon no convention before Easter. O'Brien, in return, threatens to call the clans together himself in Dublin within a fortnight. There is little doubt his summons would be met by a ready response. In the rank and file of the party a strong sentiment is growing up in favor of substituting O'Brien for leader instead of Redmond. The latter receives \$4,000 annually and expenses for his services, while O'Brien offers his services free.

##### Held as Accomplice.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Alleging that the woman for love of whom he is accused of murder was preparing to desert him in his hour of danger and sail for Austria on the money they had saved together to be married when her encumbering husband had been removed, Peter Calop, from his prison cell today, gave information to the authorities which led to the arrest of Mrs. Zlicia Cosco. Calop was arrested immediately after Cosco's murder and accused of the deed. He protected the widow until he heard she was preparing to desert him. On the strength of his allegations she is now held as an accomplice in the murder.

##### Shipwrecked Crew.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The fate of the four-masted schooner Nimbus, which has been missing for two weeks, was revealed when her crew arrived here on board the United Fruit Company's steamer Admiral Sampson. The Nimbus foundered off Hatteras December 15. But for the timely arrival of the steamer Beatrice every member of the crew would have perished. The Beatrice landed them at Port Antonio and they were brought home yesterday by the Admiral Sampson from that place.

##### Elopers Located.

New York, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch to the Evening World from San Francisco today says that the Rev. Jere Knode Cook, former rector of the fashionable St. George's Church at Hempstead, L. I., who eloped last April with Floretta L. White, his seventeen-year-old beardless ward, is living with the girl in a flat in that city.

##### Suicide.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.—After searching for him all night the body of George Werner, prominent business man, was found in the office of the Werner Carriage Manufacturing Company here early today. Werner had committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas through a rubber tube attached to a gas jet.

Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, they are for weak back, inflammation of the bladder, backache and watery urine. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

##### Threatened Strike.

Havana, Dec. 30.—Representatives of twenty-three labor unions waited on Governor General Magoon today to warn him that the striking masons' demands must be complied with or there will be a general sympathetic walkout, tying up nearly every industry in Havana.

##### Badly Minted Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood trouble; and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bilets. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by all druggists, fifty cents.

#### DRY GOODS.

##### 11-4 FULL SIZE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS

Well made, well finished—an excellent wearing covering; red, blue, and pink borders; wide silk binding: \$2.98 \$3.50 value.

##### 11-4 Full Size White Wool Blankets

Made out of good material; finish and making stamp it as a special value; all borders; \$4.00 quality: \$3.98

##### 11-4 Full Size White California Wool Blankets

Made expressly for us out of fine California stock; our guarantee with every pair; come in white and gray; \$5.00 value: \$5.00

##### ull Size Silkoline Covered Comfort

Filled with best white laminaized cotton; serrell quilting; full lines of colors and combinations; \$1.25 value. \$1.00 Special.

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##### Ticket-of-Leave Woman.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—With the passing of 1907 tomorrow midnight, Helen Dixon, the Sunday school girl embezzler, will forsake that name, and under a new one, will leave Bloomington and Illinois and seek refuge in some place where she and her story are unknown to make a new start in life.

Despite the interest that Mrs. Adelle Stevenson and other prominent women and the Women's Club have taken in her cause, they have been unable to help her since she was released from jail.

Miss Dixon was arrested last February on her confession that she had embezzled \$2,200 left in her charge as treasurer. The money was to have been used to buy an organ. The girl is heart sick from her failure to find any who believe her story of repentance and would help her to work. After she came out of jail she decided to try live down the past, but both she and her friends have come to the conclusion that the only plan open for her is to take a new name and go far away from Bloomington.

##### Secretary Taft in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Pilgrim's Hall was packed this afternoon when Secretary Taft made his address before the Congregational Minister's Association. The only time the Secretary's remarks approached a political topic was when he expressed a hope that the Philippines would soon be able to get their sugar and tobacco into the United States free of duty, and that the present tariff would be altered admitting these products up to certain limits. "We don't want to make the country a great producer of sugar or tobacco, because that would tend to place it in the hands of the magnates controlling these articles. It would be better for the islands to encourage numerous small producers raising a variety of crops," he said. He repeated his censure of Fisk Warren, Secretary of the Anti-Imperialist League for urging that the Filipinos be given self-government now. Ten per cent of the natives are only at present fitted for self-government, he said. Mr. Taft argued against the popular impression that the Philippines are unhealthful.

##### New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 30.—London was a moderate seller. The industrials did not join in the upward movement to the same extent as the railroad stocks, making only fractional gains wherever there was any activity displayed. Government bonds exchanged other bonds steady.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by Richard Gibson, and W. F. Creighton & Co.

##### Wholesale Prices of Produce.

Flour Extra.....	400	4 25
Family.....	500	5 25
Fancy brands.....	525	5 75
Wheat, longberry.....	985	1 00
Mixed.....	985	0 95
Pat.....	985	0 95
Dump and tough.....	0 90	0 85
New Corn, per bbl.....	3 00	2 75
Corn, white.....	0 75	0 75
Mixed.....	0 70	0 75
Yellow.....	0 70	0 75
Corn Meal.....	0 80	0 82
Rye.....	0 00	0 80
Oats, mixed, new.....	0 50	0 60
White, new.....	0 63	0 65
Elgin Print Butter.....	0 82	0 84
Butter, Virginia, packed.....	0 16	0 18